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SUBJECT: DISCUSSIONS WITH EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT ON FY 76
AID LEVEL

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

1. AID MUST COMPLETE ITS PREPARATIONS BY MARCH 2 FOR ITS
PRESENTATION TO CONGRESS OF THE FY 76 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
LATER IN MARCH. WE WILL BE PROPOSING A THREE HUNDRED MIL.
DOLLAR LEVEL OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR EGYPT. TO DATE
WE HAVE NOT INDICATED TO SADAT OR THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT
THE PROPOSED LEVEL OF THE FY 76 PROGRAM. I THINK IT BEST
THAT YOU INDICATE TO PRIME MINISTER HEGAZI THE LEVEL
OF ASSISTANCE WE ARE PLANNING TO REQUEST FROM CONGRESS
AND INDICATE THAT IT MUST BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL THE
LEGISLATION IS SENT TO CONGRESS. YOU SHOULD ALSO ASK
HEGAZI'S ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING THE COOPERATION OF THE
MINISTRIES INVOLVED SO THAT WE CAN DEVELOP A DEFENSIBLE
AND WELL-DOCUMENTED PROGRAM FOR PRESENTATION TO CONGRESS.
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YOU SHOULD ALSO INFORM FAHMY, BUT I HOPE BY GOING TO HEGAZI

INSTEAD OF SADAT WE CAN START TO PUT OUR AID PROGRAM ON A
MORE NORMAL BASIS. KISSINGER

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